

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Julian called the regular meeting of the Kasson Township Board to order at 7:00 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Members Present: Greg Julian – Supervisor, Dana Boomer - Clerk, Julia Carter – Treasurer, Tad Carter – Trustee, Roger Noonan - Trustee  
Member(s) Absent: None  
Staff Present: Sheree Nelson

**AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA** – The board briefly discussed the agenda. **Noonan moved to approve the agenda as presented. T. Carter seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Melinda Flees – Flees brought bags of trash that she had picked up out of her yard that had blown from Krull Composting. She's picked up multiple bags of trash and a large tarp from the Krull property just this spring. She knows that things like liquor bottles and pop cans are just general road trash, but the majority of what she picks up is the biodegradable dishes and other trash that comes in to Krulls with the food waste, as well as Krull Composting bags.

Fred Noonan stated that he and his neighbors are still having problems with Krull Composting. He appreciates what the board does, but he and Mrs. Flees brought the trash today to demonstrate that this is a real problem. They acknowledge that Krull does have some people out picking up trash, and it is making a difference, but even with that, he picked up a quarter bag of trash with the high winds yesterday. There was a fire in the compost piles yesterday with two spot fires with the high winds, which was blowing directly towards his property, and that really scared him. The neighbors are having problems with this property daily. Cypher's work has helped, but this needs to be followed up on. The first 13 years that Krull was there, he just used hay and other farm products, not the large quantities of food and biodegradable trash that blows around and causes the odors and flies and other problems.

Haylee Fisher – She and her husband own Cold Spring Farm at Burdickville and Bohemian Roads, and she wants to speak to the possibility of a fire station going in across from Myles Kimberly Park. She feels this would be damaging to their business and harmful to their animals to have the fire station there. She asked the board to recognize the down side of a station in that location, and to consider the history of the area and how important the area is to a lot of people.

**MINUTES** – The board discussed the minutes from the regular meeting on April 12, 2022. **Noonan moved, T. Carter seconded to approve the April 12, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.**

**PERTINENT COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**PRESENTATION:** None

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

- a) **TREASURER'S REPORT:** J. Carter had previously submitted the treasurer's report to the board. Receipts total \$18,635.17. Disbursements \$79,528.37. Balance \$582,153.97.

- b) **BUDGET REPORT:** Boomer and Nelson presented the budget report through April. The board briefly discussed.
- c) **BILL APPROVAL** – Boomer presented the updated check detail. The board briefly discussed.  
**Noonan moved to pay the bills as presented; seconded by J. Carter. All in favor, motion carried.**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. **Cemeteries** – Noonan spoke with the neighbor for the East Kasson Cemetery about her fencing, and she is still working on getting the fencing materials. Julian reported that he has followed up with the three fencing companies and still has not received a quote. He will continue to follow up on this. Julian will also follow up on the quotes for the stump removal at the Kasson Township Cemetery.
- b. **Mining/Gravel Legislation** – There has been no change on the gravel legislation – it remains in committee at the House level.
- c. **Sidewalk Ordinance** – No discussion - tabled
- d. **Other Unfinished Business** - None

#### **NEW BUSINESS –**

- a. **Fire Board Appointments** – Boomer reported that both the Kasson Township representative to the Cedar Area Fire & Rescue Board (four year term) and the member-at-large to the Board (two year term) needed to be re-appointed. **Boomer moved to reappoint Greg Julian as the Kasson Township representative to the Cedar Area Fire & Rescue Board, and David Noonan as the alternate representative, both through March 2026. R. Noonan seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**  
**Boomer moved to reappoint John DePuy as the member-at-large to the Cedar Area Fire & Rescue Board, through March 2024. Noonan seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**
- b. **Other New Business** - None

#### **CAPITAL PROJECTS – EXPLORATION**

- a. **Maple City Improvement Project** – Julian has been following up on this project with the Road Commission, but has not been getting return communications. T. Carter will be reaching out to Gosling Czubek to see if they are interested in bidding on the engineering work for the project.
- b. **Broadband** – No update. Julian spoke with Patricia Soutas-Little this month, and her response was that they appreciate the township's support and involvement in various broadband projects, and will be following up.
- c. **Township Hall Renovation** – J. Carter has been working with Leelanau Construction and Salisbury & May to get quotes, and Julian has also been doing so with Cooley Construction. The board requested final bids for the front and back extensions by the June meeting.
- d. **Fire Department Capital Improvements/MOU** – The fire board had a long discussion at their meeting last week regarding the MOU – Kasson and Solon made requests for the document to be changed in ways that were mutually exclusive. The fire board requested that the township boards discuss the comments from the townships and make a recommendation as to whether

the fire board should continue pursuing the MOU, or whether the townships would like to work under the existing interlocal agreement language, with Solon and Centerville Townships responsible for capital improvements to the existing station and any township that wished to have a new station being responsible for capital costs for that station. The township board extensively discussed these topics.

The consensus of the Kasson Township board was that unless the MOU requires the township to approve a capital improvement recommendation by the fire board, or there is a public commitment by Solon and Centerville Townships to approve the construction of a new fire station in the western portion of the service area, the Kasson Board is not interested in having the Fire Board continue to pursue the MOU.

**Boomer moved that unless all four townships are willing to approve the above change to the MOU, the Kasson Board recommends the MOU not be pursued further by the Fire Board. Noonan seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

Julian also reported that over the last month, it was brought to the attention of Kasson and Cleveland that there might be land available for purchase that would be appropriate for the fire station. Julian and Stein have begun conducting inquiries on this piece of private land, as well as whether Leelanau County might be interested in selling or leasing a piece of Myles Kimmerly Park for a fire station, as Julian had previously been told this would be a good place for a fire station. Julian and Stein spoke with Chet Janik, then spoke with the chair of the County Parks & Rec Commission. The topic was then taken to the County Parks & Rec Commission May meeting, where it was discussed. Additional research and discussion will be undertaken on the topic; the final decision would be made by the County Board of Commissioners. There was brief discussion on this.

**Boomer moved to approve Julian to continue working with Stein and other officials as necessary to continue pursuing options for a new fire station. Noonan seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**REPORTS: Planning Commission (PC)** – At the April meeting, the Master Plan was discussed and there was a public hearing set for the May meeting for the Zoning Ordinance amendments regarding municipal buildings. There was also a special meeting in April to discuss the County PC comments regarding the Master Plan. There has been extensive discussion at the PC level regarding the finalization of the Master Plan. There will be additional discussion on the Master Plan at the May meeting.

**Zoning Administrator (ZA)** – Cypher had previously submitted written reports to the board. The board briefly discussed. The board extensively discussed the Krull Composting operation. T. Carter and Julian have found Krull Composting bags blown onto neighboring properties. **Noonan moved to direct Tim Cypher to continue pursuing enforcement against Krull Composting, and support him in issuing a cease and desist if necessary. T. Carter seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Supervisor** – Julian summarized his activities for the month. The speed trailer is in Maple City now. The board discussed briefly There has been some enforcement of speeding drivers, but more is needed. Speeding vehicles and near-accidents are seen regularly, and there will be an accident at some point because of this.

**Assessor** – The Board of Review will be meeting July 19. Krombeen has been working on regular assessor business.

**Fire Board** – The Fire Board forwarded a draft 2022-2026 Strategic Plan for the fire department. This has been approved by the Fire Board and now needs to be approved by the townships. The Fire Board requests initial comments at the May township meetings, with any amendments being made and a final document being presented to the townships for approval at the June township meetings. There were no comments on the Strategic Plan. The Fire Board meetings have been moved to 2 pm on the first Thursday of each month.

**Clerk/Elections Report** – There are no scheduled elections until August 2022. Absentee ballots for the August election will begin to go out in mid-June. Michelle Crocker has confirmed receipt of the fire and emergency services millage for Kasson Township for August.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: Hall Use and Buildings and Grounds Reports** – There are no issues with building and grounds. There is a church music group meeting the first Sunday of the month from 4-6 pm each month. The Davis Lake Association will have their annual meeting at the hall on June 4. The board had consensus to hold off on hall cleaning until after the June PC meeting. T. Carter is going to look into the price for having the building sprayed for spiders; Noonan requested that this be brought back to the board in June. The tires and sand have been removed from the hall grounds, and Complete Outdoor will be taking a look to see what it will cost for black dirt and grass seed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Don Drabik asked if a cease-and-desist was ordered for Krull Composting, would he have to stop all operations on the current piles? Noonan said that the current piles would be able to be worked, but no new material could be brought in.

**BOARD COMMENT:** T. Carter has been thinking about the Glen Lakes; Empire and Glen Arbor have the largest frontage on the lakes. He asked if those townships have septic inspection ordinances – Don Drabik answered that both townships and the Village of Empire all have point of sale septic inspections covering the entire area, not just the lake fronts.

Noonan reminded the board that the state and federal government want to have additional control of local issues. The township needs to continue fighting for control of local issues. Julian agreed – local people want local input, and it works.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 7 pm.

**Motion** by Noonan to adjourn, second by T. Carter / **All in favor, motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 8:28PM.

Submitted by:  
Dana Boomer, Township Clerk